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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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John B. Bates, et al. ) Group: 2853  
Serial No.: 10/073,491 )  
Filed: February 11, 2002 )  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing of the Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and the Amendment enclosed therewith in the above-entitled application for one (1) month from February 26, 2004 to March 26, 2004.

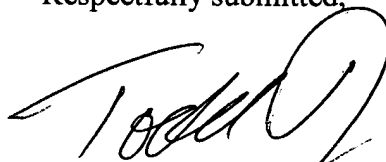
Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$110.00, which covers the Extension of Time Fee Required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

This Petition relates to the response to an office action designated as final, dated October 6, 2003. Applicants submitted a Request for Reconsideration by facsimile transmission on December 4, 2003. The Examiner's Advisory Action responding to the Request for Reconsideration is dated February 26, 2004. It is respectfully submitted that the Applicants' Request for Reconsideration was submitted within the first two months following the date of the final office action. Accordingly, it is believed that the time period for reply to the final office action expired on February 26, 2004, and the extension of time should be calculated from the date of the Advisory Action, February 26, 2004.

The Examiner indicated on the Advisory Action that the period for reply expired three months from the mailing date of the final rejection. During a telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Examiner did acknowledge that if in fact the dates were as indicated, the period for reply would expire on the mailing date of the Advisory Action or the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. Accordingly, Applicants are of the belief that only a one-month extension is required at this time. However, should a further extension of time be required, a petition

therefor and authorization for the additional payment of the necessary fee from a deposit account have been made in the Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and in the Amendment submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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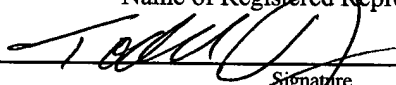
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